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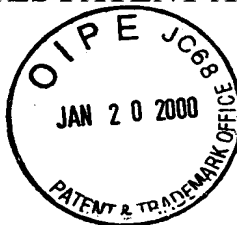
In re Patent Application of

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For: HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS,  
PHARMACEUTICAL AND COSMETIC  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM  
AND USES THEREOF



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**REPLY AND AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action [non-final rejection] mailed on September 20,  
1999, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly cancel Claims 31 through 33 and 37.

Please amend Claims 28, 30, 34, and 35 as set forth below.